

4<sup>th</sup> edition

# Satellite direct-to-device market

September 2023

## About this report

This report describes the satellite direct-to-device (D2D) market, investigates drivers and restraints, and details key use cases.

It also provides recommendations for satellite operators, mobile network operators (MNOs) and equipment/infrastructure vendors.

It is based on several sources:

- internal research that combines NSR's in-depth satellite industry knowledge and Analysys Mason's understanding of telecoms, media and technology (TMT) market trends
- interviews with stakeholders in the satellite D2D market and secondary research tracking industry announcements.

#### **KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT**

- What is the **revenue opportunity** for the emerging satellite D2D market?
- What **use cases** can MNOs target beyond their terrestrial coverage leveraging satellite D2D technology?
- What are the limitations and strengths of satellite D2D technology?
- What are the key technology developments that will shape the future of the market and how should players respond to this evolution?
- Who are the main players and what are the different strategies (spectrum, supply and capabilities, standards, business models, etc.)?

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

- North America (NAM)
- Latin America (LAM)
  - Europe (EU)
  - Middle East/Africa (MEA)
  - Asia



#### WHO SHOULD READ THIS REPORT

- Satellite operators to understand the revenue potential, traffic forecasts, and key drivers and constraints.
- MNOs and CSPs to learn the potential of satellite D2D as the new source of growth and differentiation.
- Chipset and parts vendors, OEMs and infrastructure vendors (space and terrestrial) to assess the key strategic choices (spectrum, standards, business models) to best serve the ecosystem.
- Regulators and industry agencies to determine the opportunities offered by D2D to foster innovation and bridge the digital divide.

This publication is for NSR's customers only. Usage is subject to the terms and conditions in our copyright notice.



Contents

### • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

**Executive summary** 

Research overview

D2D as a new source of differentiation and growth for MNOs

How MNOs can prepare for the fast pace of change in the industry

Aligning the value chain

Appendix

About the authors and Analysys Mason



## Our research services



Consumer Services

Fixed Broadband Services Mobile Services Fixed-Mobile Convergence Smart Devices Future Comms Video, Gaming and Entertainment

## -≼

#### Networks

Next-Generation Wireless Networks Wireless Infrastructure Strategies Fibre Infrastructure Strategies Operator Investment Strategies Telecoms Strategy and Forecast Transport Network Strategies



#### Applications

Network Automation and Orchestration Customer Engagement Monetisation Platforms Digital Experience Automated Assurance Service Design and Orchestration Telecoms Software Market Shares

#### Satellite and Space

Satellite Communications Space Applications and Infrastructure



analysysmason.com/what-we-do/practices/research



0

 $\otimes$ 

#### Operator Business Services and IoT

Enterprise Services SME Services IoT Services Private Networks

#### SMB IT Channels and Forecasts

Cyber Security SMB Technology Forecaster

#### **Regional Markets**

Global Telecoms Data and Financial KPIs Americas Asia-Pacific Middle East and Africa European Core Forecasts European Telecoms Market Matrix European Country Reports



#### Cloud

Cloud Infrastructure Strategies Data, AI and Development Platforms Edge and Media Platforms Multi-Cloud Networking

#### DataHub

~2800 forecast and 280+ historical metrics Regional results and worldwide totals Operator historical data



#### PUBLISHED BY NORTHERN SKY RESEARCH, AN ANALYSYS MASON COMPANY IN SEPTEMBER 2023

We have used reasonable care and skill to prepare this publication and are not responsible for any errors or omissions, or for the results obtained from the use of this publication. The opinions expressed are those of the authors only. All information is provided "as is", with no guarantee of completeness or accuracy, and without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, but not limited to warranties of performance, merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. In no event will we be liable to you or any third party for any decision made or action taken in reliance on the information, including but not limited to investment decisions, or for any loss (including consequential, special or similar losses), even if advised of the possibility of such losses.

We reserve the rights to all intellectual property in this publication. This publication, or any part of it, may not be reproduced, redistributed or republished without our prior written consent, nor may any reference be made to Northern Sky Research or Analysys Mason in a regulatory statement or prospectus on the basis of this publication without our prior written consent. © Analysys Mason Limited and/or its group companies 2023.





Image: Constraint of the second sec

NSR, an Analysys Mason company info@nsr.com | www.nsr.com | +1 (617) 674 - 7743